

MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander, United States Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905-5020

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Fort Gordon Officer and Enlisted Retiree Councils

1. The Fort Gordon Officer and Enlisted Retiree Councils met in joint session at Fort Gordon on 4 November 2004. The purpose of this meeting was to address subjects of interest to Army retirees in the Fort Gordon area of responsibility and to determine if there were matters that should be reported to the Garrison Commander, Fort Gordon, or through her to the Commanding General, Fort Gordon, or through her to the Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Council, and Department of the Army, for consideration.

2. The following Officer and Enlisted Council members were present:

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| COL (Ret) Everett Greenwood, Co-Chairman | SGM (Ret) Richard Downs, Co-Chairman |
| MAJ (Ret) John Anchor                    | CSM (Ret) James Hussey               |
| CPT (Ret) William J. Barnard             | SGM (Ret) Clyde E. Hyde, Jr.         |
| CW4 (Ret) Boni Buoni                     | 1SG (Ret) Theola B. Melton           |
| Mrs. Nancy Moore                         | SFC (Ret) Jack Baker                 |
|  | SFC (Ret) James O. McCormick         |
|  | SFC (Ret) Alfred S. Zamora           |
|  | PSG (Ret) Raymond Sumner             |
|  | Mrs. Betty Dodd                      |

3. The following Officer and Enlisted Council members were absent:

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| COL (Ret) John Ridick             | CSM (Ret) James Huggins |
| LTC (Ret) Jay Waldman             |                         |
| COL (Ret) William Mannel          |                         |
| COL (Ret) Webster E. Francis, Jr. |                         |


4. COL (Ret) Greenwood called the meeting to order at 1030 and welcomed all council members and guests and introduced our new Garrison Commander, COL Karen Adams and Retirement Services Officer, Hillary Boyce. All Council members and Installation representatives went around the table and introduced themselves.

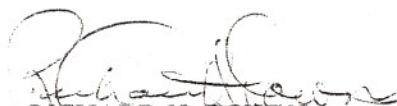
5. Mr. Joseph Governski, Fort Gordon's Commissary manager, talked about the various new initiatives being undertaken to better the quality of life for Soldiers, retirees, and their family members. Mr. Governski discussed how there will be an area in the back warehouse with all sorts of Christmas products. The Commissary is also going to continue the gift certificate program from last year. Mr. Governski also shared that he has gift certificates and products ready to be donated to the Retirement Appreciation Day for 2005. The Commissary website will always be updated on any hour changes during the holidays.

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6. Elle Shepard from DWMR Marketing informed the Councils that she would like to include the Retiree Council Meeting to the Calendar in the Observer. She also added that she would be willing to add any news concerning retirees to the Observer.
7. Kathleen Haskell and Jennifer Chipman from EAMC Marketing and Advertising shared how a monthly newsletter is circulated to all the staff of EAMC. She invited the RSO, Hillary Boyce, to be added to her distribution list so that she will be better informed of the news at EAMC. Mrs. Haskell mentioned that there is a Health Consumer Council on 23 November 2004 at 0930 and it is open to all Commanders and representatives of the retiree community. Mrs. Chipman gave an update of the flu shot shortage. Due to short supplies, there is no guarantee of being able to meet the needs of all the patients in the Fort Gordon area. Shipments are coming in piece-by-piece and the EAMC website and the front desk will be informed of the latest update if there are shots available. If and when supplies do come in it will be offered on a first come first serve basis. Mrs. Chipman encourages patients to obtain their flu shots from another source if available.
8. COL (Ret) Greenwood discussed the need to start the coordination and planning for next years Retirement Appreciation Day (RAD). Points of discussion were aimed in getting all of the major players, Dwight D. Eisenhower Medical Center (EAMC), Post Exchange, Commissary, Gordon Club, Public Affairs, and others involved in all upcoming Retiree Council and EAMC Health Assessment meetings. The Councils set a date for the RAD as 7 October 2005. Ms. Boyce suggested that the Retiree Council needed to select volunteers for the various RAD committees (i.e., advertising, door prizes, dinner coordination & Gordon Club setup, Darling Halls setup, registration for Darling Hall and Gordon Club, etc.) and passed around a signup sheet for all members. COL (Ret) Greenwood asked for help to solicit a private organization to do a letter for various businesses asking for donations. CSM (Ret) James Hussey volunteered to get a organization to agree to sponsor the Retiree Council on this mission.
9. Ms. Boyce passed out copies of Army Regulation 600-8-7 and Fort Gordon Retiree Council Constitution and by-laws while COL (Ret) Greenwood asked all council members to review them and be prepared to discuss needed amendments at the next Council meeting. Col (Ret) Greenwood stated that the by-laws of the Council requires one secretary and CPT (Ret) William J. Barnard volunteered for the position. COL (Ret) John Ridick and PSG (Ret) Raymond Sumner both informed the Council that they desired to resign from the Fort Gordon Retiree Council. Ms. Boyce proceeded with passing out of Ballots and Biographies on those that desire to serve on the Councils. The Councils agreed to vote for two enlisted members at this time and to continue to solicit for interested retired officers. Ms. Boyce announced that the Councils had voted for PFC (Ret) Karenann Burkhardt-Amster and 1SG (Ret) Rickey Lumpkin.
10. COL (Ret) Greenwood thanked all for attending and announced that the next meeting will be on 3 February at 1030 in the Garrison Commanders' Conference room. Meeting was adjourned at 1200.

  
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Chairman  
Officer Retiree Council

  
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Chairman  
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